

(Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended in September, 2004, has the necessary provisions to deal with all facets of terrorism.

The exercise to revise the Police Act is primarily aimed at reforms in the structure and functioning of the States and UTs Police forces. Police being a State subject, the States are empowered to take appropriate steps in this regard.

Notification regarding fixed term employment workmen

***318. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR:**

SHRI CHITTABRATAMAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided in July, 2004 to rescind the notification issued on 10th December, 2003, incorporating Fixed Term Employment Workmen in the Schedule to Industrial Employment (Standing Order) Act, 1946;

(b) whether a draft notification to this effect was issued on 30th September, 2004;

(c) whether the trade unions welcomed the move and the employers opposed the same, in tripartite meeting held on 21st December, 2004;

(d) whether the final notification was deferred indefinitely on this ground;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether, in a similar meeting on 21st November, 2003, when the trade unions opposed the draft notification, the final notification dated 10th December, 2003 was issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Government had amended the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946, to include "Fixed Term Employment Workmen" in the Schedule of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and Model Standing Orders annexed to the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules 1946, *vide* Notification GSR No. 936(E) dated 10.12.2003. In July 2004, the above mentioned amendment was reviewed and a draft intention

notification dated 30.9.2004 was issued with a view to rescinding the notification dated 10.12.2003 inviting objections/suggestions from all persons likely to be affected.

(c) In the meeting held on 21st December, 2004, the trade unions welcomed the move for rescinding the notification dated 10.12.2003, but the employers opposed the same.

(d) and (e) The matter of rescinding the notification is still under consideration. A decision in this regard will be taken in consultation with all the stakeholders.

(f) In the meeting held on 21st November, 2003, the trade unions opposed the proposal for amendment in the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946 to include "Fixed Term Employment Workmen" in the Schedule of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and Model Standing Orders annexed to the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946.

Strengthening of intelligence mechanism

†*319. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any plan to strengthen the intelligence mechanism of the country and to fix its accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the incidents of terrorism took place recently are because of weakness of intelligence mechanism;

(d) if so, the details of such incidents alongwith the details of the action taken by Government; and

(e) the details of the efforts being made by Government to strengthen the intelligence mechanism at district level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Necessary steps have been taken to strengthen the intelligence mechanism at the Centre. The State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.